

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Registration Statement**

**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

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**I--REGISTRANT**

**1. Name of Registrant**

The Nickles Group, LLC

**2. Registration No.**

6089

**3. Principal Business Address**

601 13th St. NW, Suite 250N  
Washington, DC 20005

**4. If the registrant is an individual, furnish the following information:**

(a) Residence address(es)

N/A

(b) Other business address(es), if any

N/A

(c) Nationality N/A

(d) Year of birth N/A

(e) Present citizenship N/A

(f) If present citizenship not acquired by birth, state when, where and how acquired N/A

(g) Occupation N/A

**5. If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information:**

(a) Type of organization: Committee ☐ Association ☐ Partnership ☐ Voluntary group ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (specify) LLC

(b) Date and place of organization December 7, 2004, Washington, DC

(c) Address of principal office 601 13th St, NW, Suite 250N, Washington DC 20005

(d) Name of person in charge Don Nickles

(e) Locations of branch or local offices N/A

(f) If a membership organization, give number of members N/A

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(g) List all partners, officers, directors or persons performing the functions of an officer or director of the registrant.

Name	Residence Address(es)	Position	Nationality
Don Nickles	903 Centrillion Dr., McLean VA	Chairman & CEO	USA
Hazen Marshall	7852 Midday Ln. Alexandria VA	Partner	USA
Stacey Hughes	314 N. Garfield, Arlington VA	Partner	USA
Cynthia Merifield Tripodi	3026 N. Edison St, Arlington VA	Partner	USA
Doug Badger	5495 Bluecoat Ln, Columbia MD	Partner	USA

(h) Which of the above named persons renders service directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?  
Don Nickles, Hazen Marshall, Cynthia Merifield Tripodi

(i) Describe the nature of the registrant's regular business or activity.  
Consulting firm

(j) Give a complete statement of the ownership and control of the registrant.  
Registrant is a District of Columbia domestic limited liability company. Wholly owned by Don Nickles, Hazen Marshall, Stacey Hughes, Cynthia Merifield Tripodi, and Doug Badger.

6. List all employees who render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals in other than a clerical, secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity.

Name	Residence Address(es)	Nature of Services
Don Nickles	903 Centrillion Dr., McClean VA 22102	legislative strategy & gov affairs services
Hazen Marshall	7852 Midday Lane, Alexandria VA 22306	legislative strategy & gov affairs services
Cynthia Merifield Tripodi	3026 N. Edison St., Arlington VA 22207	legislative strategy & gov affairs services
Jeff Choudhry	768 11th Street, SE Washington DC 20003	legislative strategy & gov affairs services
Stephanie Badger	2407 15th St. NW, Apt 609, Washington DC 20009	legislative strategy & gov affairs services

**II--FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. List every foreign principal<sup>1</sup> for whom the registrant is acting or has agreed to act.

Foreign Principal

Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Principal Address(es)

2450 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20008

**III--ACTIVITIES**

8. In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will you engage or are you engaging now in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

N/A

**IV--FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

9. (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register<sup>2</sup> to the time of filing this statement, did you receive from any foreign principal named in Item 7 any contribution, income, or money either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>3</sup>

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Purpose	Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Total

<sup>1</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization, foreign individual and, for the purpose of registration, an organization or an individual any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual.

<sup>2</sup> An agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

<sup>3</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. There is no printed form for this exhibit. (See Rule 201(e)).

**(b) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register<sup>4</sup> to the time of filing this statement, did you receive from any foreign principal named in Item 7 anything of value<sup>5</sup> other than money, either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**10. (a) DISBURSEMENT-MONIES**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register<sup>6</sup> to the time of filing this statement, did you spend or disburse any money in furtherance of or in connection with your activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal named including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register<sup>7</sup> to the time of filing this statement, did you dispose of any thing of value<sup>8</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with your activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register<sup>9</sup> to the time of filing this statement, did you, the registrant, or any short form registrant, make any contribution of money or other thing of value from your own funds and on your own behalf in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
[See Attachment A]			

4, 6, 7 and 9 See Footnote 2, on page 3.

5 and 8 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks", and the like.

**V--INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS<sup>10</sup>**

11. Will the activities of the registrant on behalf of any foreign principal include the preparation or dissemination of informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

12. Identify each such foreign principal.  
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13. Has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount and for what period of time.

14. Will any public relations firms or publicity agents participate in the preparation or dissemination of such informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the names and addresses of such persons or firms.

15. Activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials will include the use of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams  
☐ Advertising campaigns ☒ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- ☒ Email  
☐ Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Social media website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Informational materials will be disseminated among the following groups:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public officials    | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislators         | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational groups           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editors                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____        |

17. Indicate language to be used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

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**VI--EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS**

18. (a) The following described exhibits shall be filed in triplicate with an initial registration statement:

*Exhibit A-* This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal named in Item 7.

*Exhibit B-* This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

(b) An Exhibit C shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. (See Rule 201(c) and (d)).

(c) An Exhibit D shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal. (See Rule 201 (e)).

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**VII--EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>11</sup>)

February 15, 2012

/s/ Donald Lee Nickles

eSigned

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<sup>11</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

## ATTACHMENT A

10 (c)

## DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
12/8/11	\$1000	Lingle for Senate	601 13th St. NW Washington DC
12/12/11	\$1000	Friends of John Boehner	mail
12/20/11	\$1000	Lungren for Congress	mail
12/20/11	\$1000	Heller for Senate	mail
01/06/12	\$1000	McConnell for Senate	mail
01/25/12	\$1000	Defend America PAC	mail
12/8/11	\$250	Mark Amodei for Congress	online contribution
12/9/11	\$1500	Frank Lucas for Congress committee	Las Vegas, NV fundraiser
12/10/11	\$500	Friends of John Barraso	Las Vegas, NV fundraiser
12/15/11	\$500	Latham for Congress	Washington, DC fundraiser
1/17/12	\$250	Kinzinger for Congress	1112 19 <sup>th</sup> St. NW Washington DC
1/24/12	\$250	Babeu for Congress	300 First St. SE Washington DC
12/8/11	\$250	Amodei for Congress	601 13 <sup>th</sup> St. NW Washington DC
12/9/11	\$100	Citizens for Josh Mandel	300 MD Ave NE Washington DC
12/14/11	\$1000	Romney for President	1110 VT Ave NW Washington DC
12/8/11	\$500	Amodei for Congress	601 13 <sup>th</sup> St. NW Washington DC